



FOLLOWING Fashion

with dorothy downing

GIFTS FOR THE MODERN GRANDMOTHER
Gene forever is the lavender shawl... the high-buttoned shoe... and the woman past fifty with a "Let the world go by" attitude.

- UNDER TWO DOLLARS
1. Glove holder for purse (to keep gloves from straying)... \$1.00
2. Quilted glove box (for the boudoir)... \$1.00
3. Quilted hose box (six sections)... \$1.00
4. Jeweled lipstick (refills are available)... \$1.25-\$1.95
5. Perk-up stick (by J. Cochran—6-section cylinder with compartments for all make-up—purse size)... \$1.00

- UNDER FIVE DOLLARS
1. Three-strand pearl choker by Coro... \$4.00
2. Brocade scarf (long, for under coats)... \$4.95
3. Black or white bracelet, length gloves (cotton)... \$3.50-\$5.00
4. Flannel cardigan sweater (for sleeping)... \$4.95
5. Black jersey turban (smart replacement for the kerchief when hair is "up"... hat bar item)... \$4.95

- UNDER TEN DOLLARS
1. Box of sheerest stockings... \$6.00
2. Wide and heavy gold bracelet... \$7.50
3. Black velvet stole... \$9.95
4. Skinny umbrella with long handle... \$9.95
5. Box of assorted costume flowers (red velvet rose, crisp white daisies, pink carnation)... about \$6.00
6. Black calf billfold (with spot for charge plate)... \$9.95
7. Pastel pigskin gloves (the latest word)... \$9.95
8. Compact (paved with rhinestones)... \$9.95

- UNDER TWENTY DOLLARS
1. Cashmere sweater... \$17.95
2. Cigarette case (pearlstudded)... \$15.00
3. Shopping bag (paisley and black calf)... \$12.95
4. Bed jacket (nylon tricot) of tiny accordion pleats... \$12.95
5. Fur collar (mink)... \$14.95

Council PTA Gives Toys To Kids at Juvenile Hall; Bears of Educational TV

Torrance Council PTA gave a tangible Christmas wish to tots at Juvenile Hall in Los Angeles Thursday night, presenting the kids with four dolls, four teddy bears, several other toys, and a \$15 check to be used for gifts.

Passing out the presents at the annual Doll Party at Juvenile Hall, which welfare chairman attended was Mrs. Ralph Eystone, local welfare chairman. Council adopted this as its Yule project, giving personal contributions to finance the work, at last Tuesday's regular meeting following Mrs. Eystone's report on her recent tour of the Hall.

FILLS NEED
The Doll Party is held each year, she said, with visitors invited to bring gifts to the children, for county property cannot be given away, and the superintendent of Juvenile Hall feels that every child needs to have something of his own that he can take with him when he leaves. Delinquency is caused mainly by over-indulgence or neglect, and the situation is getting out of hand with no apparent means of prevention, those who deal with the problem believe, Mrs. Eystone reported. In the opinion of the authorities, she continued, the greatest needs are to find someone to help the juvenile delinquents and to stress teaching of mental health in home and school.

NEW BUILDINGS
Although thousands pass through there during the year, at present the Hall can accommodate only about 400 at a time, Mrs. Eystone continued. However, many new buildings will be completed in April, she said, and juvenile delinquents, who now have to be turned away, will be accommodated. The usual detention period, the welfare chairman said, is about four weeks while the juveniles are awaiting trial. At the end of this period, they are either returned to their homes or sent to one of the state's youth farms. Mrs. Eystone also informed the group that since the Chamber of Commerce is acting as a clearing house for the names of those to receive Christmas baskets, all units should call in the names of those they intend to help. Any desirous of securing names of the needy to aid may get a list at the Chamber, she added.

TV FOR TEACHING
Any organization may use the facilities of a new TV educational station in Los Angeles, said Lee Polick, radio and television chairman, reported. The channel, number 28, operates from 7 to 9 p.m. daily, under the sponsorship of Capt. Alan Hancock, and offers a great educational opportunity, she said. "Its future depends on the people. Let them know what you

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OUTNUMBERED BUT NOT DISMAYED... is Jerry Hollomon, new vice-president of the Torrance Firemen's Association, pictured here with new officials of the "Fireladies," seated, left to right, Virginia (Mrs. Dale) Slonecker, treasurer; Carlotta (Mrs. John V.) Agapito, second vice-president; standing, left to right, Mary (Mrs. Ed) Polston, secretary, and Jean (Mrs. Milton) Langum, first vice-president. Not pictured is the Association's new treasurer, Harry Klingler. All executives were seated last Friday night following a dinner at the main fire station on Cravens Ave. (Herald photo)



PRESIDES PALAVER... Lavonia (Mrs. William) Russell, new president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department, tells Ed Polston, leader of the Firemen's Association, of her wish to start an annual Fireman's Ball here. The two executives took office Friday night at installation ceremonies at the main fire station on Cravens Ave. (Herald photo)

DUO-PIANO RECITAL SET TODAY

"Malaguena" by Lecuona, the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria," and "Arensky Waltz" by Schumann will be played in recital at the Redondo Beach Womens Club today by the duo-piano team of Reiko Tento and Michael Mullen, students of Kathryn Buffington, 1926 Arlington Ave. "This marks one more successful appearance of Mrs. Buffington's outstanding pupils," Marjory Taylor, secretary of the South Bay Music Arts Association, which is sponsoring the recital, said. Mullen previously has performed on radio KGFJ this year under the auspices of the Music Teachers Association of Los Angeles, and many others who study with Mrs. Buffington have won scholarships in universities and colleges and have been active in music activities at Narbonne High School. Dr. John Thompson, composer and music educator, has dedicated four of his books on duo-piano to Mrs. Buffington in honor of her work in that field. Mrs. Taylor said, "The Music Association is glad to count her

Rotary Plans Ladies' Night

In observance of the holiday season, Torrance Rotarians have designated their next meeting, slated for Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Fish Shanty, as "Ladies' Night." Wives will join their husbands in a social hour at 8 p.m., preceding the dinner. A special program featuring a choral group from El Camino College will follow. John Ebbinghouse is in charge of general arrangements, while Reed Parkin is program chairman.

Yule Musical to Feature Baptist Meet Thursday

A Christmas musical, presented by Friendship Circle, will highlight the program next Thursday morning, Dec. 17, when the Mission Society of the First Baptist Church meets at the church at 10 o'clock. A noon luncheon will follow the session. One more outstanding personality available to fortunate people in the South Bay area," she added.

New Column Topics Told

In her "Creative Family Living" column next Sunday, Dorothy Law will discuss many problems which confront parents at Christmas. Among topics she will outline will be what gifts are appropriate for children at various age levels, whether or not to tell tots about Santa Claus, and how to avoid childhood tension and over-excitement during the holidays. Beginning in 1954, she will present a series on how your child's personality patterns develop ways to help him use his potentials to the best.

PERRY PTA TO VOTE ON CUB PACK

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The board also ratified Mrs. Eugene Phillips as co-hospitality chairman; accepted the resignation of Richard Nelson as auditor; and wrote letters to the Torrance Traffic Commission requesting a safety guard at the crosswalk in front of the school. Mrs. T. R. Jackson, child welfare chairman, reported that diphtheria and tetanus shots will be given at the school on Thursday, Jan. 14. Proceeds from the Wednesday luncheon, which featured enchiladas and stuffed green peppers on the menu, will be used to fill Christmas baskets for the needy, Mrs. Kern said.

FAITH PTA TOPIC NEXT THURSDAY

"To increase our Faith" will be the topic at next Thursday's 25th FA PTA meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, according to Mrs. C. R. Whitwood, press chairman. The program will include Christmas selections by the fifth and sixth grades under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Nordgren and Mrs. Caroliné Blake.

Chairman Says: Need More Ticket-sellers For Cancer Benefit Show

Volunteers still are needed to help distribute tickets for the "Youth for Cancer Junior Jubilee of 1953," Mrs. Robert O'Brien, chairman, said this week. "Response to last week's plea was gratifying," she continued, "but we need many more workers if we are to put the show over. Anyone wishing to help may call me at FRontier 6-9000." Tickets for the benefit, slated for Dec. 17 at the Civic Auditorium, also may be reserved by calling the chairman. Priced at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children, they are a big entertainment value, for the event's program will include top professional, semi-professional, and amateur talent, Mrs. O'Brien said. Performers ranging in age from three to 23 years old will give 18 sparkling acts, emceed by Joey Richardson, Torrance boy of motion picture fame. Included on the star list are Darlene Farrer, ballet and tap artist, who has just returned from a tour with Horace Heidt, and Sylvia Ann Perry, who has socialized with the Ted Lewis band and received first prize when she appeared on the Heidt Show recently. The song team of Ann Flanagan and Buddy Powers, who were among teenagers entertaining troops on USO tours last spring; Sal Frisina directing his eight-piece dance orchestra; and Torrance Area Youth Band under the direction of James Van Dyck also will be featured. All proceeds will go toward the American Cancer Society to aid in wiping out cancer in this area, Mrs. O'Brien said.

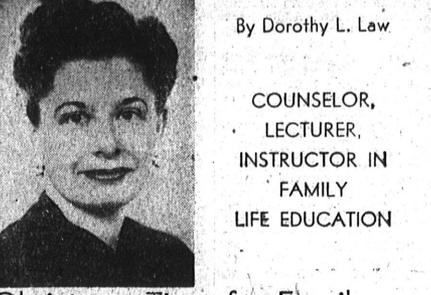
Tuesday Tom 'n' Jerry Eve For Legion

Legionnaires of Bert S. Crossland Post 170 and women of the Auxiliary will gather at the Legion Hall Tuesday night, Dec. 15, for a Christmas potluck dinner and Tom and Jerry party. A grab bag exchange of comical gifts, card games, and a juke box dancing will highlight the evening, according to Wayne Morris, second vice-commander of the Post, and Mary Babcock, acting president of the Auxiliary, who head the committee in charge of arrangements. Women of the auxiliary are planning the dinner menu, while assisting Morris are Eddie Parker, Lester Reed, and Ken Cunningham.

Camp Fire Girls Present Christmas Sharing Program

Torrance Campfire Girls, together with their club sisters throughout the Harbor area, presented their annual program of Christmas sharing at the Alondra Park Community Building last Sunday, Cynthia H. Keyes, executive director, reported this week. Each group placed gift boxes of toys and baby food under a tree they had decorated with the traditional icicles and gaily colored balls. Both the boxes and tree will be used by another Red Feather welfare service in its Christmas distribution. Bluebird groups dramatized by pantomime tableaux and dances—traditional Christmas carols and popular Christmas songs with the Campfire Girls forming a massed choral background for all members. Lupe Hernandez of the Zahrah Campfire group accompanied the chorus; Linda Lawhern entertained with an accordion solo; and Judy Venhaus and Bernadette Marinko sang a duet. Miss Keyes welcomed the guests and explained the Christmas tree ceremony. Members of the Odakonya Horizon Club, senior Campfire Girls, acted as ushers, while serving on the planning committee were Mesdames Clarke Harter, Loving Thomas, Owen Bertrand, and L. J. Stevenson of the Leaders Association.

Creative Family Living



Christmas Time for Family Fun, Tradition, Sharing

Christmas time is the time for family fun, and this year it seems to me there is available in the stores so much "glitter." Let the children glitter their Christmas stockings, trim candles... this plastic snow, a few sequins, rhinestones from old jewelry, and a tube of glue will keep them busy as beavers. Let them cut, paste, and glue their own decorations. I have found that if children can have their own very tiny tree in their room, they often do not disturb the big tree, and they have a wonderful time trimming their own. Encourage them to make their own cards... this is a good way to use last year's cards. Cut parts and paste on colored construction paper, or make novel tags for this year's gifts and add a little glitter. This lovely effect can be created with canned snow.

USE IMAGINATION
An inexpensive centerpiece any older child could make... take several branches of artificial fern from the dime store sprayed generously with snow and sprinkled with silver sparkle, add a fat candle and a silver bow. Or leave the fern green, add red glitter, a red candle, and a gold bow. Place in a suitable container or on a mirror. It gives a child a healthy feeling to create a thing of beauty. We're making pink and silver ribbon bows at our house, dipping them in glitter and clipping them on the tree with bobby pins. It's still fun to string popcorn and holly berries... even a pine cone looks glamorous with sparkle on it!

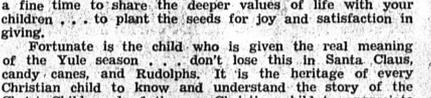
BUILD YOUR OWN TRADITION
Christmas time is the time for family sharing. It is such a pattern to spread the spirit of Christmas at your house. It is surprising the way in which children incorporate our preparations into tradition, such as "we always have ham at Christmas... we open our gifts on Christmas Eve... we bake cookies and help decorate them... etc." Our family I know each year writes a Christmas letter, summing up the year for them, and has it printed to send to friends. At our house we have made it a practice to pick out our tree on a family excursion... last week while driving along I saw a most beautiful tree... I actually felt the need to call the family, tell them about it before I bought it. I found myself right in the middle of a "tradition."

DO THINGS TOGETHER
Other traditions are trimming the tree on Christmas Eve... baking fruit cakes and wrapping them... reading the Christmas story together... singing carols if your family is musical, or, if not, playing records during the season... making Christmas candy. One mother said: "we always read the 'Night Before Christmas' the last thing before bed on Christmas Eve." A fine tradition is attending one of the beautiful candlelight services your church offers on Christmas Eve... gives you a wonderful glow.

YULE FEELING CATCHING
His values are a little lopsided, but as he grows along they will shift. You see, it is difficult for the small child to understand something unless he is able to relate it to himself and his little world. His very effort to do this is an attempt to understand at his level of maturity. So share with him the beauty and joy of Christmas. One last thought... whatever your plans for the season, make it a "tradition" to keep serene... cultivate laughter. Watch the "feeling" you spread at Christmas... remember, it's catching!

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